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# Builder's Page

News of Local Interest to the Builder, Contractor and Prospective Home Seeker.

#### VESTABURG ITEMS

By Our Own Correspondent

Mrs. Blanche Manley and Mrs Edna Manley are entertaining relatives busine rom Rosebush, over Xmas. Frank Corder was in Stanton Tues

- Mrs. Via R. Cornell spent Tuesday in Alma at the home of Mrs. George
- Mrs. Delia Sutton and son, George, spent Tuesday in Alma with her aunt,
- Mrs. Bert Waterbury. Charles Marlin was in Stanton Wed-
- Mrs. Ed Harding, who has been visiting at Marshall, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids was joined by her hushand at the latter place on Monday, and they returned here Wednesday
- Frank Cerder and Mrs. Mamie O'Brien were united in marriage Saturday, December 22nd. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White, who live north and east of Vestaburg. Their many friends extend ongratulations.
- Mrs. Mary Cummings is recovering i from her illness of the past week. Earl Miller was in Riverdale Thurs-
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green and daughter, Mrs. Rae Sweeney and litle son went to Montgomery Thursday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Belle
- Whitney.
- with relatives nove, were Sunday guests of Mr. and time.
- Mrs. J. E. Harding. Monday caller at the home of her parents Arthur Manley and Mrs.
- Wm. Nickerson and children have recovered from their sickness.
- Herman Smith was in Edmore Sat-Mr. and Mrs. Vera Cook and chil-
- of their uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. ping. R. J. Burkett.
- Frank Murphy was in Riverdale Monday evening
- Mrs. James Whitman and daughter, Mrs. Maude Wayne, of Midland, were her brother, Charles McCreery.
- attend the funeral of her brother.
- their daughter, Coral, was quietly Lang. married to Raymond Blough, of Ionia. Miss Mary Gephart and Cyril Farmer, who attended the young couple were invited by the latter's cousin. Miss Lang and wife motored to Carson not being told of the coming event. Mr. and Mrs. Delos Philips. until the time appointed for the marriage, which was at five o'clock, Saturday visiting her sister.
- springing a surprise on their attendbride's dress was of Copenhagen blue The bride is one of Vestaburg's popu- tives here. lar young ladies, having lived here ed by all who know her. The groom with his parents.
- is a stranger to the most of her friends, who join in wishing the young ing his little boy cousin from Saginaw ligan. Huzel Kuhlman and Mrs. Fred ouple a long life and happiness. Charles C. McCreery was born at Lansing, Michigan, on August 20th, Aima were Christmas guests of Mr.
- 1865, and died at his home in Vesta- and Mrs. L O. Hunt. burg, on Sunday, December 16, 1917. family, have lived in St. Louis and vi- pathy in their bereavement. cinity until this spring when they took up their residence in Vestaburg. The | + deceased has been in ill health for a number of years and for several months a very great sufferer. He is School closed last Friday for a two survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters, two brothers, four sisters, other relatives and many friends who mourn their loss. The remains were taken to Midland county Wednesday, December 19th, where interment took place in the Oak Grove cemetery, which is a private family burying ground near Midland.

#### How to Prevent Croup.

disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the exiety avoided.

#### SUMNER

Mrs. Austin Chenny is on the sick

- Philip Hicks, wife and daughter, nla, were at Carson City Monday or Murl and Ruth Forquer, of River
  - dale, were calling on relatives Mon
  - Harry Graham and Fred Frisbie, of Maple Rapids, transacted business tere Wednesday.
  - Miss Ruby Cleverdon came home from Belding Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with relatives. Mrs. Elmer Seaman was called to
  - Alma Wednesday by the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. John Rob
  - Mrs. Ella Hicks and son Charles were at Edmore on business Thursday. Mrs. Earl Shuttleworth was calling friends Thursday.
  - Theron Butler transacted business at Crystal Thursday. Ivett Ferris and Adlia Cleverdon are spending their Smas vacation at
  - Miss Fern Drager with her principle of the saturday to spend the day with her parents, and brother and sisfather. In the evening they were going to Ithaca to spend Christmas with the latter's parents.
  - Miss Lena Johnson and Miss Bula Converse were Sunday callers here. Byron Finch and family, of Stanton, came Saturday to assist Mrs. M. J.
- Finch in her store The Sumner I. O. O. F. Lodge team Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harding went to went to New Haven Thursday and Broomfield Monday to spend Xmax gave the first and second degree work. Judging from the time they arrived Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis, of Ed- home in the morning they had a jolly
- Miss Janie Lang and friend, Ai Mrs. Rosie Teed, of Remus, was a Priest, of Toledo, are guests of her present,
  - Elmer McClelland was at Crystal on business Saturday. Sam Hicks, of Elm Hall and Will
  - Hicks and family, of Alma, visited Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hicks. W. Ewing, wife and daughter,
- dren, of Edmore, were Sunday guests Grace, were at Alma Saturday shop-Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shaffer trans
  - acted business here Saturday. Mrs. Chas. Ostrander was calling on friends Saturday.
- Lafayette Pryce was at Ithaca Satcalled here on account of the death of unday to answer to the questions for the government service. Mrs. Abbie Deeter, of Vestaburg.

  Miss Olive Pelton, who has employwent to Midland county Wednesday to ment at Ionia, is enjoying her Xmas
- vacation with her mother and sisters. McCov, of Riverdale, were Friday viss aca, were calling on friends here itors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sunday. Miss Mildred Harvey came home entertained the members of the young
- A surprise wedding took place at from High school at Alma, Friday he home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. El- evening to spend the holiday season liott Sunday, December 23rd, when with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos.
  - Harry Fisher and Verne Wilson were at Alma Saturday. Richard Lang and wife and Bruce
  - Frank Hicks and wife were at Alma
- Mes. Edith Baldwin was a weekend ants as well as then friends. The guest of her brother, Elmer Seaman. Virgil Canorton, wife and baby, of silk, and the groom wore a blue suit. Alma, were Sunday guests of rela-
- Harmen Hunt came Monday from ince childhood, and is highly respect- Lansing to spend the Xmas sensor Master Clinton Fowler is entertain
  - this week. Miss Lucy Hunt and friends, from
- The little son, of Mr. and Mrs. B. At the age of 19 years he went from O. Markham was buried here Friday, Lansing to Osceola county, this state, having passed away with diphtheria. where he spent several years. During They were former residents of this the last thirteen years he, with his place and their friends extend sym-

#### DAVIS DISTRICT

- weeks' vacation with Xmas exercises in the afternoon
- Arthur Degroft went to Portland, Sunday, where he will visit over Xmas with his brother
- any, are spending the holidays with their parents.
- ids for the holiday vacation.
- the care of Dr. Thornburgh. mains were brought here and funeral Auburn, N. Y.

services were held at the Davis school house, with Rev. Beebe officiating Interment in Ithaca cemetery.

#### BRECKENRIDGE

- Lee Watson was in Alma on busiess Thursday morning.
- Mrs. Arthur Hunn was a Saginaw hopper Monday. Miss Edna Vanduzen went to Alma
- Wednesday morning. Mrs. John Swope was a St. Louis risitor Wednesday morning.
- Lee Watson and little son, Don, were in St. Louis Wednesday morn Edwin Jakeway, of Detroit, was a
- weekend guest at the home of B. I. The High school students enjoyed Christmas party in the "gym," Fri
- day afternoo Miss Linda Knorrp, vocal instructor in the schools, left Saturday morning to spend the holidays at her home in
- Manchester Miss Thelma Stevens, who is al-Miss Fern Dragen went to Alma Friday evening to spend the holidays
  - Miss Lydia Rehfus, one of the High chool teachers, left Thursday evening to spend Christmas at her home in
  - Miss Gladys Peyfer, kindergarten teacher, left Friday evening for her
  - home in Cassopolis. Miss Mayme Royal, one of the grade
  - teachers, is spending her vacation in A number of the young people gathered at the home of Theima and I Harry Stevens Friday evening, A
  - good time is reported by all who were Lawrence J. Stock, of Detroit, came Sunday to spend Christmas with Thos, Crawford and family and other
  - Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester denkins (nee Miss Lilian Goll), a daugh-
  - ter. Dec. 18. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Watson and little son, Don, went to Heward City, Saturday morning to spend Christmas with Roy Richardson and family.
  - Margaret Drake, Ada McLeod, Sylvia Muscott and Forcest Avery, who attend Alma High school, are home for Christmas vacation.
  - A crowd of young people enjoyed a birthday surprise party on DuVoid
- Interesting Christmas programs Frank Bradley, of Remus, and Ed | George McMullen and sons, of Ith-M. E. churches Monday evening. Mrs. Henry C. Mead delightfully
  - ternoon with a Christmas party. Miss Roberta Reed of the High schoolaf faculty, left Saturday morning to spend Christmas vacation at her home in Albion.
- Friday, December 21st, was the twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. Elliott, to come and spend the day, City Sunday to spend the day with and Mrs. Thos. Crawford. Mr. Crawford's sons, Fred, of Chicago, James B. of Ithaca, and Alf. of this city, his wife and two sens, and the Misses Roberta Reed and Marguerite Crawford were present at a dinner given in honor of the event.
  - The Misses Gladys Sabin, Edith and Ellen Doty, Nellie Milligan, Harold Bailey, Fay Anderson and Claronce Hopkins, who are attending Alms college, are all home for the boli day vacation
  - Zubler left Friday evening for Waco, Texas, to spend the holidays with four of our soldier boys, Ward Doyle, Ralph Sawvel, Guy Milligan, and Leo Davis, who are stationed in a training
  - camp there. A cantata cutitled, 'The Christmas Spirit," was given by forty of the Congregational children Friday evening, Dec. 21st. The church was well filled and the entertainment was pronounced a decided success; much credit is due the little performers. The cantata was given under the leadership of Miss Linda Knorrp, vocalist, essisted by Miss Marguerite Crawford, planist, and Mr. Arthur Statzler,
- Mr. and Mrs. Will Beard, of Beth- Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read Ruth Cross is home from Big Rap- the following. "I have never found anything for stomach trouble and con-Ellen Baxter was bidly hurt last stipation as good as Chamberlain's In a child that is subject to atacks Saturday, by a piece of timber falling Tablets. I have used them off and of croup, the first indication of the on her head, but is improving under on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the Mrs. Eliza Smith, an old settler of bowels but stimulate the liver and child becomes hoarse and the attack this township, died at the home of her keep one's body in a healthy condimay be warded off and all danger and son, in Owosco, Dec. 16th. The re-tion," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper,

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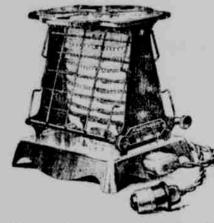
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